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Arizona dry bean production from 11,000 acres is expected to total 231,000 hundredweight, for an average yield of 2,100 pounds per acre. Other Arizona crop forecasts of production include alfalfa, at 2.30 million tons, up 3 percent; and apples, at 22.0 million pounds, up 22 percent from last year.

The U.S. All Cotton production is forecast at 13.2 million 480-pound bales, up 3 percent from last year's 12.8 million bales. Yield is expected to average 816 pounds per harvested acre, up 3 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.8 million 480-pound bales, 4 percent above 2008. American- Pima production is forecast at 367,000 bales, down 15 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 7.77 million acres of all cotton and 7.62 million acres

of upland cotton, both up 3 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested area is expected to total 146,200 acres, down 13 percent from 2008.

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